

FACILITIES IN KINGS CANYON PARK & USFS

Grant Grove Area

GRANT GROVE VILLAGE

6600' (2008 m) elevation. This was originally General Grant National Park, created in 1890 to protect sequoias from logging. Here you can see both a pristine grove & one that was logged in the 1800s.

INFORMATION

- **Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 9am-4:30pm through early April, then expanded hours. Exhibits & 15-minute movie in English and Spanish. Books, maps, first aid, bear canisters. Local wilderness permits issued 9am-4pm. 1-559-565-4307.

FOOD & SHOPS (KCPS)

- **Restaurant:** Daily 9am-2pm & 5-7pm (Fridays & Saturdays until 8pm) through 3/20/08, then open one hour earlier in the morning.
- **Gift Shop, Market:** Daily 9am-6pm (Fridays & Saturdays until 7pm) through 3/20/08, then close one hour later. Souvenirs, film, clothing, ATM. Market sells food and other supplies, sandwiches, bear canisters, emergency gas.

OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping & Lodging:** See page 10-II. Lodge front desk 7am-10pm.
- **Post Office:** Hours may change without notice. Monday-Friday 9am-3:30 pm; Saturday 10 -noon. Lobby open 24 hours. Send mail for visitors to: c/o General Delivery, Kings Canyon NP, CA 93633. 1-559-335-2499.
- **Pay Telephones:** Available 24 hours at Kings Canyon Visitor Center (booth by front door); & outside gift shop, market, & post office. Cell phone signals are usually poor.

Snowplay Areas

In the National Park (Grant Grove): Columbine & Big Stump.

In the National Forest: Cherry Gap, and, when the Generals Highway is not closed by snow, Big Meadows & Quail Flat.

- **Be safe & considerate!** Every year we see very serious injuries. Safety tips: Use devices that are steerable. Don't sled or ski into roads. Steer clear of trees, rocks, people, and other obstacles. See safety information on page 5.
- **Cross-country skis & snowshoes** are rented, and snowplay gear, snacks, and hot drinks sold at Grant Grove Market.
- **Snowplay is prohibited** in park residential areas, the Grant Tree Trail area, and other areas as signed. Azalea Campground is for campers only, not people who are just snowplaying.
- **Note the location of pay telephones.** Dial 911 in emergencies. Cell phone signals are usually poor.

In the Kings Canyon

Highway 180 from Hume Lake Junction into the canyon remains closed mid-November to mid-April.

CEDAR GROVE VILLAGE - CLOSED FOR SEASON

4600' (1410 m) elevation. This glaciated valley features towering granite cliffs, tumbling waterfalls, and the powerful Kings River — "a rival to the Yosemite," according to John Muir.

- **Camping & Lodging:** Details on pages 10-II. Closed for the season.
- **Restaurant, Gift Shop, Market, Showers, & Laundry:** Closed.
- **Horseback Riding:** Details on page 3. Closed.



GRANT GROVE FREE NATURE PROGRAMS

Check local bulletin boards and visitor centers for schedules:

Snowshoe walks are offered on weekends, if there is enough snow, starting December 29. Snowshoes are loaned for free. Group size is limited; make reservations at any visitor center or call 1-559-565-4480. Snowshoeing may be strenuous and difficult for small children. Other programs may be offered if there is not enough snow.

Evening programs at the John Muir Lodge most Saturdays beginning Dec 29. Join us!

Pay Your Entrance Fee at Kings Canyon Visitor Center in Grant Grove

During winter, the required park and forest entrance fee is collected just outside the visitor center.

Please stop there to purchase or show your pass.

The old Highway-180 entrance station was removed due to a damaged sequoia tree leaning dangerously over the station.

USFS: National Forest & Monument

HUME LAKE & BIG MEADOWS AREAS (FS)

Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of Sequoia National Forest, borders much of the western edge of these National Parks. You are in the National Forest when you drive between the park areas of Lodgepole and Grant Grove, and between Grant Grove and Cedar Grove (see page 2 for more on Parks and Forests). It was sold to the government as a Forest Reserve in 1935. It is an excellent place to see sequoias recovering from intensive logging in the late 1800s.

PAY TELEPHONES (cell phone signals are usually poor):

- **Between Wuksachi Village & Grant Grove:** Summer only at Stony Creek Resort & Big Meadows trailhead.
- **Between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove:** Hume Lake (year round; see *Hume Lake* below); Kings Canyon Lodge (summer only).

INFORMATION

- **USFS Hume Lake District Office (FS):** 35860 Kings Canyon Road (Hwy 180) in Dunlap, 19 miles (31 km) west of Kings Canyon Park entrance at Big Stump. Weekdays 8am- 4:30pm. Maps & books sold. 1-559-338-2251; www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia.

LODGING & OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping (FS) & Lodging (private):** See pages 10 & 11 for details.
- **Montecito Lake Resort (FS permittee):** Open all year. A resort on public land. On Generals Highway 9 miles (14.5km) south of Grant Grove. Breakfast 8-9am, lunch 12-1pm, dinner 6-7pm (longer hours on holidays; hours subject to change). Cabins, hotel, children's activities. 1-800-227-9900 or 559-565-3388.
- **Hume Lake:** Year-round private facilities open to public: 24-hour laundry (coin operated) & gas station (with credit card). Market daily 8am-5pm. Snack shop. North of Grant Grove 8 miles (13km) on Hwy 180 then 3 miles (5 km) south (turn right) on Hume Lake Road. 1-559-335-2000.
- **Boyden Cavern:** Closed until mid-April when Highway 180 reopens. On Highway 180 between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove.
- **Stony Creek Village (FS):** Closed mid-October to mid-May. On Generals Highway south of Grant Grove. Restaurant, lodging, market, showers, gasoline. 1-866-KCANYON; 1-559-565-3909.
- **Big Meadows Cabin (FS) historic guard station:** Closed; see page 10.

GASOLINE SALES on PARK and FOREST LANDS

- From mid-November into April, only at Hume Lake (24 hours with credit card) or outside the park. See *Hume Lake* above for details.